

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **COMPETENCY TRAINING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Function Category: ☒ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☐ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Care of Patient**

Heading: **Programming**

Key Word(s): **Competency**

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Purpose: Court Competency Training provides information relevant to individuals who are determined, by a court, to be incompetent to stand trial. The information enables clients to actively participate in their own defense. In addition, trainers provide reports to the committing court on progress of clients throughout their treatment.

Brief Description: The training is provided over a 14-week period. Material is presented in a variety of ways. Lectures combined with group discussion, focus on client experiences in court to increase their understanding of the court system. Individual instruction ensures that the special learning needs of each client are addressed. Frequent testing assists instructors in their assessment of client learning abilities. All clients who are committed under Penal Code Section 1370.1 are required to participate in competency training.

Selection Basis/Criteria: Court competency training for developmentally disabled clients is a new and exciting challenge. Staff have expanded curriculum and routinely add new training techniques to further meet the needs of clients served.

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☒ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☒ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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